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OPEN BURNING ALERT

Chalmette Naval

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality issued the naval base in Chalmette a variance so it could burn debris related to Hurricane Katrina.

Much of the material is food that spoiled after losing power. There could be an odor and smoke related to the burning.

DEQ is currently working with parishes to locate areas and issue variances that will allow the parishes to burn the debris. Plans are in place for FEMA, DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency to monitor the air around these sites. DEQ enforcement staff will inspect the burn sites to verify the material burning is hurricane-related debris.

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